



City of Janesville
Community Advocate
Update
September 2022

Dear Community Partner,

We hope you enjoy the September edition of the City of Janesville's Community Advocate Update, filled with the latest information about exciting happenings here in Janesville!

Fall/Winter Activity Guide Now Available: The Parks and Recreation Fall/Winter Activity Guide is now available! Residents can browse the guide full of events and programs for every interest, age, and ability at www.janesvillewi.gov/activityguide. Partner organizations interested in acquiring a stock of guides for distribution at their facilities may contact the Recreation Division at (608) 755-3030.

Bounceback Grants: The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation has extended the application deadline for its Main Street Bounceback Grant program through the end of the year! This exciting grant opportunity offers \$10,000 to businesses moving into vacant commercial properties. The City's Economic Development Office has already provided over 40 support letters to Janesville businesses as a part of the grant application process. Learn more about the program on the City's [website](#).

JTS Fall Semester Student Passes: With the academic year now underway, JTS is happy to announce that fall semester passes are available at SDJ middle and high schools. Semester passes cost \$120 and provide unlimited in-city rides for SDJ middle and high school students. For questions about the semester pass or youth token program, visit the JTS [website](#) or call (608) 755-3150.

Voter Registration: Tuesday, September 20, is National Voter Registration Day! According to the U.S. Census Bureau, as many as 1 in 4 eligible American voters are not registered. The City encourages the community to register [online](#), by [mail](#), or in person at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office in City Hall (18 N. Jackson St.). Voters can also visit www.myvote.wi.gov to check their registration, polling place, and preview ballots. For questions, contact the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at (608)-755-3070.

Paperless Utility Billing: Save trees and time by going digital! The City is encouraging interested utility customers to take advantage of paperless billing. This service allows you to receive your quarterly Janesville Municipal Utility Bill directly to your e-mail address. Learn more at www.janesvillewi.gov/paperless!

Park Place Podcast: Finance Director Dave Codek joins the podcast this month to discuss the City's budget process and overall fiscal health. Listeners can also hear more about how the Finance Office helps the City plan for financial sustainability. Listen on anchor.fm/janesville or wherever you find your favorite podcasts!

Share Your Library Story: The Hedberg Public Library wants to hear your library story! How has the HPL impacted you? What are your fondest memories of your time at the library? What HPL resources do you depend on? Share your story [online](#) now!

Upcoming Events

- **Art Infusion:** This celebration of live arts returns to Wisconsin's Park Place the weekend of September 9-11. Celebrate our vibrant community and appreciate new public murals, art installations, live music, and much more! For a full listing of the weekend's activities, visit the event's [webpage](#).
- **Teacher Open House:** The Hedberg Public Library will host a Teacher Open House on Tuesday, September 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. Teachers are invited to explore a Technology Petting Zoo, chat with library staff about opportunities and resources, and sign-up for a Teacher Card. No registration is needed and the event is open to public, private, and home school teachers. Learn more on the HPL's [website](#).
- **Rock River Clean-Up:** For a fifth year, the City will partner with the Rock River Stormwater Group (RRSG) to host a Rock River Clean-Up on Saturday, September 17, at 10 a.m. in Monterey Park (501 Rockport Rd.). The Janesville event will be held alongside additional clean-up efforts across communities in the Rock River watershed. Registration is available online through the Protect Wisconsin Waterways [website](#).

Questions? Contact Nick Faust, Communications Specialist at faustn@ci.janesville.wi.us or (608) 755-3094



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